

TRACS Quick Reference Guide

Lesson 11b Using Layers and Filters

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Layer Manager Toolbar is located on the right side of the Mapper.

The components of the **Layer Manager Toolbar** are listed below with a brief description.



The **Restore Dock** displays or hides the dock.



The **Layer Manager** (Figure 1) controls the display and visibility of Reference Layers on the Mapper. Layers can be overlayed on top of the basemap to show certain features or areas.

- TRACS tab: Displays plans, projects and actions.
- **Filters tab:** Create, modify and view the filters specifying what is displayed on the Mapper (see next page).
- **Reference tab:** Select which external dataset layers to add to the Mapper.
- Organize tab: Alters the order and opacity of layers.

TIP #1: Check the boxes for all item you'd like to view (and remember to click the plus sign to expand the menu to select all items to view).

TIP #2: When finished viewing layers, uncheck the box(es) to speed up performance.



Bookmarks are used to save a geographic location for quick **Bookmarks** (Figure 2) are used to save a geographic location for quick reference in the future (e.g. project location, region, state, county, etc.).

Find the location on the map and click the **Add Bookmark** button, then enter a name and click Save. To View, Edit or Delete an existing bookmark, click on it.



Map Legend displays the symbology and labels for active layers and TRACS features. Specific colors and shapes are used to identify items of interest (e.g. habitat types).

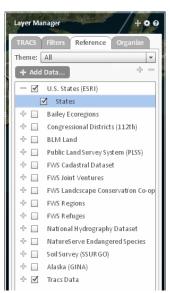


Figure 1

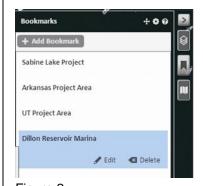


Figure 2

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Using Filters

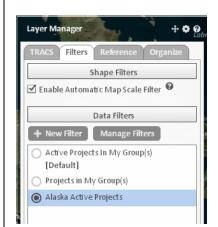


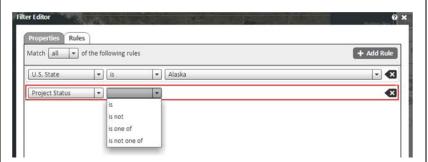
Figure 3

From the Layer Manager, open the **Filters** tab (Figure 3)

- The Enable Automatic Scale Filter (checked by default) is used to hide shapes that are either too small or too large to fit inside the current map window.
- The system filters include Active Projects in My Group(s) (the system default filter) and Projects in My Group(s).
- The **New Filter** button allows users to create a new filter.
- The Manage Filters button allows users to manage filters, including selecting active and default filters.

To create a new filter:

- Select New Filter
- Enter a filter name (description is optional)
- Click on the Rules tab
- Select Match All or Match Any
- Click Add Rule and select the criteria for the rule from the drop down menus.
- Add all rules applicable, then Save and Close.



To manage filters, use the controls column to **preview**, **edit**, **copy or delete** a filter. Use the buttons to select the default and applied filters.



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